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1. HERewith FULL TEXT PAGE ONE ARTICLE BY JUNE GOODWIN, THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, HEADED "SMITH-KISSINGER TALKS NO BREAKTHROUGH BUT THEY COULD PROVIDE COVER FOR NAMIBIA SOLUTION."

2. THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 19 BETWEEN RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER IS NOT THE GREAT BREAKTHROUGH IT FIRST MAY APPEAR TO BE.

3. ACCORDING TO A HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL THE TALKS ARE NOT AN AUTOMATIC INDICATION THERE WILL BE BLACK-MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. THEY MAY INSTEAD BE MERELY A COG IN WHAT LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE STOPGAP MEASURES TO FORESTALL THE OUTBREAK OF A RACE WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. A BIG QUESTION IS: DID DR. KISSINGER AGREE TO TALK TO MR. SMITH TO PROVIDE A FACE-SAYING COVER FOR SOUTH AFRICA

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OVER NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA)? THE UN IS PUSHING FOR

INDEPENDENCE FOR THAT TERRITORY WHICH SOUTH AFRICA ADMIN-  
ISTERS IN SPITE OF UN RESOLUTIONS.

5. BY ARRANGING THE SMITH-KISSINGER TALKS, SOUTH AFRICAN  
PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER'S IMAGE AS AN INTERNATIONAL  
DIPLOMAT IS BRUSHED UP AT HOME. HE MAY BE ABLE TO TURN  
AROUND AND, WITHOUT MUCH OPPOSITION, AGREE TO AN INTERNAT-  
IONAL CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA THAT WOULD INCLUDE LEADERS OF  
THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT SWAPO (SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN  
PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION).

6. IF THIS IS THE CASE AND IF THE TALKS WITH MR. SMITH  
DO NOT PRODUCE SUBSTANTIAL GIVE ON THE PART OF RHODESIAN  
WHITES THE BLACK LEADERS MAY REJECT DR. KISSINGER'S  
NEGOTIATIONS.

7. CERTAINLY THE NAMIBIAN ISSUES SEEMED HEADED TOWARD AN  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. THAT IS, MR. VORSTER WOULD HAVE  
MINIMAL DIFFICULTY SELLING THE CONFERENCE IDEA TO HIS  
SUPPORTERS. SWAPO LEADERS HAVE WANTED TO TALK TO MR.  
VORSTER FOR A LONG TIME TO NEGOTIATE NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

8. BUT UNLESS MR. SMITH HAS AGREED TO GIVE ON MAJORITY  
RULE TO SOME EXTENT, BLACKS IN THE FOUR FRONT-LINE STATES  
OF ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND BOSTWANA MAY BE VERY  
BITTER.

9. IF FOR EXAMPLE, MR. SMITH AGREED ONLY TO DISCUSS THE  
REPORTED GUARANTEE PLAN OF \$1.8 MILLION TO ENSURE THE  
SECURITY OF WHITES IN A BLACK RHODESIA, THAT COULD BE IN-  
ADEQUATE.

10. TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS GOING, DR. KISSINGER MUST  
BE ABLE TO RETURN TO BLACK AFRICA WITH SOMETHING CONCRETE.  
HE MUST BE ABLE TO ANSWER WHETHER HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO GAIN  
GENUINE MOVEMENT TOWARD TRANSFERRING POWER FROM RHODESIA'S  
270,000 WHITES TO THE TERRITORY'S 6 MILLION BLACKS. LONG  
TIME OBSERVERS OF AFRICA ARE WORRIED THAT THE RHODESIAN  
PRIME MINISTER, WHO TIME AFTER TIME HAS OUTFOXED OTHER  
DIPLOMATS WITH PROMISES, HAS DONE IT ONCE AGAIN TO DR.  
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KISSINGER.

11. THE FACT IS THE UNITED STATES HAS GIVEN UP ITS BIG  
BARGAINING CHIP. IT HAS AGREED TO TALKS BETWEEN THE SECRE-  
TARY OF STATE AND MR. SMITH- WHICH THE LATTER HAS BEEN  
SEEKING FOR A LONG TIME - WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONCESSION ON  
MR. SMITH'S PART.

12. NOW ONLY SOUTH AFRICA CAN PUT REAL PRESSURE ON THE INTRANSIGENT SMITH GOVERNMENT, AND MR. VORSTER HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO DO THAT.

13. MAJORITY RULE MAY BE A CLAUSE IN THE RHODESIAN CONSTITUTION BUT THE RECENT CONGRESS OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY IN UMTALI, RHODESIA, DID NOT MAKE THE LIBERAL MOVES CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO FACILITATE A TRANSFER TO EVENTUAL BLACK POWER.

14. THE PROBLEM ON THE BLACK SIDE IS THE SPLINTERED NATURE OF BLACK RHODESIAN LEADERSHIP. JOSHUA NKOMO, HEAD OF THE INTERNAL AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, MAY BE THE MAN BEHIND WHOM THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CAN UNITE, BUT HE HAS NOT PROVED HE HAS THE MAJORITY OF BLACK RHODESIANS BEHIND HIM. THE MILITARY BRANCH IN MOZAMBIQUE HAS NOT THROWN ITS BACKING TO ANY OF THE POLITICIANS.

15. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE BLACK NATIONS DO NOT WANT THE CUBANS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN RHODESIA AS THEY DID IN ANGOLA SHORTLY BEFORE ITS INDEPENDENCE. BUT EVEN IF CUBANS STAY OUT, THE FIGHTING COULD DRAG ON AND ON.

16. ALTHOUGH DR. KISSINGER TALKED WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA SEPT. 18, HE DID NOT SPEND ANY TIME TALKING ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S RACE PROBLEMS TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. YET SOUTH AFRICA, WITH ITS POLICY OF APARTHEID (LEGAL SEPARATION OF THE RACES), IS THE HEART OF THE CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

17. BUT RIGHT NOW DR. KISSINGER IS MOVING AROUND THE EDGES. HE PLANS TO MEET AGAIN WITH ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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KENNETH KAUNDA AND WITH SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA IN LUSAKA, PROBABLY SEP. 20 AND TO GO ON TO TANZANIAN TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE.

18. AT STAKE AS FAR AS THE UNITES STATES IS CONCERNED IS THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA AND THE ENDANGERING OF THE SEA LANES AROUND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE CONTINENT, AS WELL AS THE THREAT THAT THE MINERALS (GOLD, CHROME, URANIUM) COULD BE TAKEN AWAY FROM WESTERN MARKETS.

19. HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS DO NOT EXPECT A SOLID AGREEMENT ON RHODESIA ON THIS TRIP. APPARENTLY THE HOPE IS JUST TO KEEP SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATIONS GOING. END TEXT ROBINSON

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